



In This Together

WORSHIP OF GOD | NOVEMBER 16, 2025

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Reg. Peg Nowling Williams, guest preacher

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant

Joshua Johnstone, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Feel free to use any gender-neutral language in hymns or responses.

Prelude *What God Does Is Well Done* J. G. Walther

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

...just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.
Matt. 25:40

Music For Meditation *Amazing Grace* arr. M. Dayne

Welcome and Invocation Sarah and Seth Oaks

Invitation To Worship

One: God declares: I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

All: Spirit, come with power!

One: God declares: your old men will dream dreams and your young men will see visions.

All: Spirit, come with power!

One: God declares: women and men, sons, and daughters, all will be filled with the Spirit.

All: Spirit, come with power!

Adapted from the NRSV, Joel 2:28-29 from Pastor Christina Manera, and this blog: Musings, scribbles, and call for all.

*Hymn *Gather Us In* #649

Scripture *Joel 2:23-27* Sarah and Seth Oaks

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns
with Unison Lord's Prayer Rev. Peg Nowling Williams

Special Music *Prayer of Thanksgiving* arr. D. Killpack

Children's Time Eliecia Young

*Hymn *All Things Are Yours* #687

Scripture and Prayer *Matthew 25:31-46*

Sermon *In This Together* Rev. Peg Nowling Williams

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *Locus iste* Anton Bruckner
(This place was made by God)

Doxology *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

***We give thee but thine own,
what e're the gift may be:
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

Invitation to Mission and Ministry Eliecia Young

*Closing Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* #712

Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in B-flat* J. T. Krebs

Respond to the SNAP benefit crisis by giving to your local food shelf.
For our area, support the Pittsford Food Cupboard @ pittsfordfoodcupboard.net/ways-to-give.html.

For Foodlink:

Take action

Donate funds

A monetary donation to our Crisis Response Fund is the fastest and most efficient way to support the emergency food system and help us address the needs of our partners and neighbors.



Donate food

If you have food to donate, visit our Find Food page to look up a food pantry in your area that could use additional support, or visit our website to learn more about hosting a food drive.





FoodlinkNY.org

INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

We welcome you to First Rochester, regardless of race, class, gender, physical challenge, place of origin, or sexual orientation. If you're new with us, please fill out the connection card found in your pew and drop it with the offering. We look forward to getting to know you better!

TODAY:

- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- Our Children will leave following the Children's Time for Sunday School.
- Following worship, join us in the Garden Room, adjacent to the sanctuary, for fellowship.
- Children's Choir will be held following a brief fellowship.
- There will be a Missions Meeting in the library following a brief fellowship.
- Any interested individual may choose to gather in the parlor to write messages on cards for healing, sympathy, encouragement, and care to be mailed to those among us in need.

THIS WEEK:

- A *Service of Gratitude* will be held in the Chapel at 6 PM on November 19. Please plan to join this service, at which we may reflect on our thankfulness with prayer, song, and silence.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors), on Thursday, November 20, will prepare for the Harvest Dinner on November 23. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- November 22, *Night Songs*, Ashton Rapp, baritone, senior recital, ESM's Hatch Hall at 3:30 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- On November 23 the Youth Group will meet during Second Hour in Room 14, Education Wing.
- This year's Harvest Luncheon, prepared by the OWLS, will be at noon in Hubbell Hall on November 23. Please sign up in the Garden Room so they can prepare the proper amount of food and set up the proper seating.
- November 25 Book Club will discuss *Things We Can Not Say*, by Kelly Rimmer. Brown-bag lunch 11:30 AM, with discussion at noon.
- There will be no Wednesday program on November 26 due to Thanksgiving.
- There will be no OWLS on November 27. Happy Thanksgiving!
- Asbury First will host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 11 AM on November 27.
- On December 3, 10, & 17 on campus at 6 PM, we will discuss our Advent readings on from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas*. To order a book, whether for discussion or your own reflection, sign up in the Garden Room.
- Advent Music will be performed by our First Rochester Choir on December 7 during worship.
- Join our wrapping party in the parlor on December 7-2nd Hour-for the CCM's family gifts.
- Our Children's Christmas Program will be during worship on December 14 and followed by a Christmas luncheon. Please sign up in the Garden Room for ordering and seating numbers.

GIVING:

- For our Fifth Sunday Mission Project at the end of worship on November 30, we will pack snack kits for Cameron Community's Street Ministry.
- On Communion Sunday, December 7, the Missions Team is asking the congregation to donate jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products for the Center for Youth.
- We have adopted Cameron families for Christmas. On the Giving Tree you can pick a star, follow the instructions, and return your gift by December 7. Also, please purchase new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to decorate the tree to give to Cameron's clients.

SIGN-UPS:

- Check out the table in the Garden Room for various sign-ups. **We are in great need of ushers**, along with participation counts for the Harvest Luncheon this month, the BBQ Christmas luncheon next month, and those who want a Bonhoeffer Advent Reflection Book.